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EXAMINING GROUP 3731

PATENT

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In re Application of:	)	
James F. HEMERICK et al.	)	Group Art Unit: 3731
Application No.: 09/843,941	)	Examiner: M. H. THALER
Filed: April 30, 2001	)	
For: ENDOSCOPIC STENT DELIVERY SYSTEM AND METHOD	)	Confirmation No. 8636

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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL**

In reply to the final Office Action mailed November 24, 2004 and Advisory Action mailed February 9, 2005, the period for response having been extended to March 24, 2005 by a request for extension of one month and fee payment filed concurrently herewith, and pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.116, Applicants respectfully propose that this application be amended as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper.

**Remarks** follow the amendment sections of this paper.